

REMARKS

The instant Application is a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 09/856,930, in which Applicants desire to prosecute the Claims of Group III of a restriction requirement issued during the prosecution of the '930 application on August 22, 2002. Thus, in this preliminary amendment, Applicants have amended the Specification to include a Cross Reference to Related Applications" paragraph that states the instant Application is a divisional application of U.S.S.N. 09/856,930, have canceled Claims 1-3 and 6-16, without prejudice, and have formally amended Claims 4-5 to conform to U.S. practice. Support for amended Claims 4-5, can be found generally throughout the instant Specification, particularly in Claims 1-16 as filed. Consequently, the instant Amendment introduces no new matter into the instant Application.

Fees

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 18-1982 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the Claims as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance. Thus, early and favorable action on the claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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